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# Holiday Greetings

Nursery school youngsters and their student teachers provide ideal art for the Panther's expression of holiday greetings to all its readers. The setting was one for Thanksgiving, but we are all well aware that the late November observance sets the stage for a month-long preparation for December 25 and all the festivities leading into the New Year.

May the coming vacation period be one of great joy for each and every one of you. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



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## The PANTHER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS December 18-22, 1979

### Fall Semester Closes Officially Saturday

Final examination are being held throughout this week prior to the officially closing of the Fall Semester on December 22.

Christmas and New Year holidays for students will run from December 24 through January 11. University staff members will return for duties on January 7.

#### SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULE

The Spring Semester will open officially on January 7. The mid-year Faculty Renewal

Conference is scheduled to run from January 7 through January 9. Residence hall, and the University Dining hall will open on Monday, January 10.

Regular registration for classes is scheduled on January 11 through 15th. Classes will begin on January 16.

Major dates in the Spring Semester include Honors Convocation, March 27; Easter Recess, April 3-7; Parents Day, April 27; May Commencement, May 4; and Final examinations, May 5-10.

### Gifts And Grants To The University



**GIFTS AND GRANTS** — Gulf Oil Foundation Representative S. R. McHaney, presents \$5000 check to the Departments of Science and Engineering in top photo.

**CITIES SERVICE CO.** representative Granville M. Farley presents check to president A. I. Thomas. Engineering professor J. R. Phillips was a part of the ceremony in middle photo.

**KRAFT: INC.** representative Carolyn Hernandez presents check for scholarships to Dean Flossie Byrd as Dr. A. I. Thomas and Kraft Houston official Ed Chapman observed in bottom photo.



### National Safety Council Co-Sponsors PV Training Program

Prairie View A&M University has been designated a cooperating agency with the National Safety Council, Dr. A. I. Thomas, president of the University, announced.

The new designation authorizes Prairie View A&M to teach the Defensive Driving Course which will receive instructor and student materials from the National Safety Council.

Dr. Thomas indicated that he has designated Mr. Eugene Jackson as the institutional representative to the Council. The new program will be a part of the College of Industrial Education and Technology.

### Student Services Available on Campus During Holidays

An increasing number of students are remaining on campus during the Christmas holidays to earn that much needed cash, to complete papers and for some who live out of the country, the expense of going home is prohibited.

According to Mr. R. E. Carreathers, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs, the following activities and services will be provided as a part of "Operation Care."

The University will provide jobs for those students who remain on campus and is desirous of work.

- Any student who is desirous of work should contact his/her Senior Fellow, The Financial Aid Office, or the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

#### HOUSING:

Students will be permitted to leave their personal items in their rooms during the holiday.

- All female students will be housed in L. O. Evans.
- All male students will be housed in Alexander Hall.

#### SERVICES:

- Alumni Hall will provide meals.
- The Health Center will provide services needed.

#### ACTIVITIES:

- Schedule of activities of the Memorial Student Center, Residence Halls, and the Cultural Centers of Houston will be provided for all students remaining on campus.

### Houston School Superintendent Believes in "Positive Thinking"

By Frank White

The road to success has not been an easy one for Houston Independent School District General Superintendent Billy R. Reagan. For many reasons, he was proud to tell his story as the principal speaker at Prairie View's Success December 7.

Reagan was a sharecropper in East Texas during the Depression, which meant he was no better off economically than his black counterpart whom he strolled the fields with from dawn to dusk. As

the youngest of eight children and the only one able to attend college, he has had to personally justify why Fate prescribed it so.

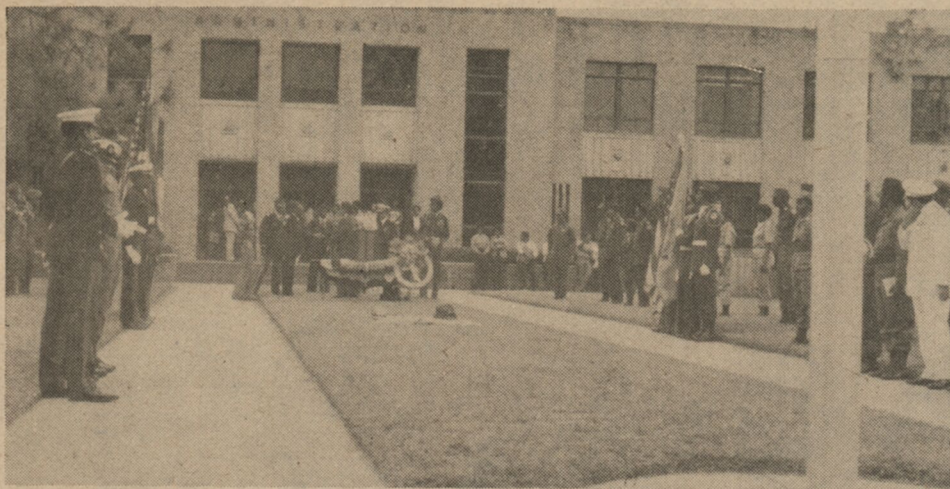
He recognized early in life that if he wanted to rise from that valley of destitution he had to be a firm believer in one of America's fundamental ideologies — that a poor boy could become president of the United States, and yes, even general superintendent of the

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**CONVOCATION SPEAKER** — Houston School superintendent Billy R. Reagan accepts PV plaque for outstanding service following his address on campus last week. Participants in the ceremony included (from left) Rev. W. Van Johnson, Student Activities, Dr. Joahanne Thomas, Academic Affairs and Ms. Nikki Torian, Miss Prairie View.





**VETERANS DAY — Army and Navy ROTC Units and the Campus-Veterans Club gave leadership to activities commemorating Veterans Day on the Administration Building lawn.**

## Superintendent Reagan, Convocation Speaker

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Houston Independent School District.

When he arrived on campus Reagan savored an atmosphere which he called "a place of serenity which gives me an opportunity for reflection." It was then that he really began to wonder why he had been chosen to speak at Prairie View.

"So many of my black friends in Houston come up to me and say, 'We find it unusual that you can work so well with blacks! My answer to them is very simple: You'll learn to relate real well when you're picking cotton on your knees in the fields of East Texas.'"

Reagan said it was only recently that he stood on a platform with Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and, after subsequent conversation, discovered that the two had picked cotton for the same owner on the same acreage near Hearne, Texas.

So Reagan stood unabashed before the students, faculty, staff and administration, realizing that his not-so-structured discourse would be one that more than a few could relate to.

With his mood established, Reagan began talking about

the philosophies which have formed the basis for this success: family love, positive thinking and power.

"I come to you very proud, because I had two fantastic parents — never wealthy in material things, but the richest in care, love and understanding," he said.

Reagan, 49, told of the time he visited his widowed mother and noticed her staring at his bald pate, a condition he has been sensitive about. She had noticed a strand of hair that dangled over Reagan's ear, and was prompted to ask, "Billy, are they going to make you wear your hair long at that new job in Houston?"

"A fundamental formula I've used is that positive thinking is needed for positive action and positive results," Reagan said. "One of the things that Jesse Jones, the late Houston philanthropist, made it a point to do was to never say 'no.' He may not have been able to say 'yes' all of the time, but he tried to never say 'no.'"

The power needed for success, Reagan said, was not that of political influence but that which inheres in the knowledge and skills one acquires.

"Power is the most addictive element known to mankind.

We saw Richard Nixon become the most powerful man in the world, only to be drained of that power like blood coming from veins. The real power is that which you have between your two ears. If I have a certain skill, I have power that can't be lost in the stock market or in political defeat," he said.

"One of the greatest speeches on power I've heard was made by publishing executive John H. Johnson. In his speech, Johnson said, 'If you want to have knowledge, you have to gain it with knowledge, maintain it with knowledge, and secure it with knowledge,'" Reagan said.

Reagan said Prairie View A&M provides an atmosphere for success.

"Whether you be students, faculty or custodians, the environment for success exists at Prairie View," Reagan said. At a time when criticism is the mode and commendation is the exception. I have yet to have anyone make a negative comment to me about Prairie View. Prairie View is always spoken about in terms of quality and high standards."

Fashion note: Some models show a lot of style and some styles show a lot of model.

## PV Grads Speak to Biology Groups

Dr. Lafayette B. Williams, Jr., M.D., Psychiatrist, Houston, Texas, spoke to the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society members and guests on November 1, 1979 on "Psychology of Medicine: Recognizing your Strengths and Weaknesses."

Dr. Williams received the B.S. degree from Prairie View and the M.D. Degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. His residency was done in Detroit. He was on the faculty at the medical school at Galveston prior to going into private practice in Houston.

The speaker spoke of the difficulty of objectively assessing oneself, but emphasized the importance for professionals to recognize their capabilities. He indicated that clear career goals can make these evaluations less stressful, and that the physician must determine his own strengths and weaknesses to ensure the patient's needs are met.

Dr. Douglass Simons, DDS, Houston, Texas, spoke to the faculty, students and guests of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society on November 15, 1979 on "Dentistry: Training and Career Options."

Dr. Simmons, a Prairie View alumnus, received his dental training at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and is currently in private practice in Houston. Dr. Simmons stressed the importance of dental professionals. There was excellent response from the audience.

Dr. Simmons was one of the speakers invited to participate in the Fall 1979 Health Science Lecture Series sponsored by the Biology Department and the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society.

## Nursing Grad Named Assistant Public Health Chief

Ms. Shirley Gee Henry, R. N. MPH, a 1962 graduate of Prairie View A&M has recently been appointed as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Public Health Nursing, City of Houston.

Joining the Houston Health Department in 1964, Ms. Henry's progress has included positions as staff nurse, team leader, and tuberculosis consultant.

After graduating in Nursing at Prairie View, she completed work for the Masters Degree in Public Health at the UT School of Public Health in Houston.

The Houston public health official holds numerous professional affiliations and has continued participation in



**Shirley Gee Henry '62** workshop and special-in service programs.

## Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Movement (BSM) choir of Prairie View A&M University is well on its way in planning for the 1980 retreat to be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

During the week of November 20, the Reverend L. Corbitt, National Director of the Baptist Student Union paid Prairie View's BSM choir a visit. Rev. Corbitt met with the officers after prayer meeting to discuss what plans were taking place in both Atlanta which is the National Baptist Student headquarters and in Memphis where the retreat for the coming year is to be held. He also wanted to know what was going on at PVU as far as preparing themselves for the retreat and it was told that we have been planning for the retreat since the summer. Fund raising events like the banquet which has been rescheduled for the last Friday in January and musical which are to be put on by the choir in the near future were presented to Rev. Corbitt.

Rev. Corbitt seemed to be quite pleased with the choir

ideas and stated that Prairie View was well on the ball as far as preparing for the retreat but said more Christians witnessing is still needed. He said we as Christians ought to let our light shine and that we should encourage others to come to prayer meeting on Tuesdays. Rev. E. J. Johnson, sponsor of the choir stated that the choir was doing a good job this year in singing and told how the choir is known in the Houston area for its good singing.

Rev. Corbitt asked the officers questions on how they thought they were doing as a choir and if they thought they could win first place at the retreat. He asked Arthur Foy, "Minister of Music," how he thought the choir was doing and did he have any trouble teaching the choir? Arthur said that he really didn't have any trouble at all and of all the choirs he has worked with in both Chicago and New York, Prairie View has the potential to be one of the best gospel choiral groups in the Baptist Student Union and said that he

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## Elementary Educ. Head Named Supt. of Schools in N. Texas

Dr. Alvin Brosette, Jr., head of the department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education, has been named Superintendent of Schools in the Wilmer Hutchins Independent School District in Dallas.



Dr. Alvin Brosette, Jr.

He joined the Prairie View staff in 1976. His education background includes the bachelors degree from Grambling State 1962, M.Ed. from North Western State 1979 and the Ed.D. in 1975 from Western Michigan University.

## Waller County Eyes Solar Heating

From the Houston Chronicle

Waller County commissioners are considering taking part in a pioneer program to see if the use of solar energy could drastically save on electricity bills.

Commissioners Court on Monday expressed interest in a new federal energy program that provides money to establish solar heating systems for local and state transportation agencies.

Only two other areas in the state — Lubbock and San Antonio — are involved in the Federal Highway Administration program, established in 1978.

Within two weeks, commissioners are expected to act on a proposal by Prairie View A&M University that the county apply for federal funding to establish two solar heating systems for use in heating asphalt and a maintenance building.

The systems, which would cost an estimated \$15,000 in federal money which requires no local matching grant, could save the county 75 percent in heating costs for those two

areas, said John R. Williams, a representative of Prairie View's Center for Energy Affairs.

"This project will give the citizens of Waller County a chance to see how solar energy is an alternative and the costs are not prohibitive," Williams told commissioners. "If that electricity cost can be saved by 75 percent, it can be a saving to the taxpayers."

Prairie View A&M has been studying energy alternatives for Waller County since County Road and Bridge Administrator Jack Rafferty requested its assistance last June. Williams said if it acted on a proposal by his university.

Rafferty said a solar heating system would save about \$300 a month in heating costs needed to preserve the liquid state of county asphalt supplies. Rafferty said the county uses between 80,000 and 90,000 gallons of asphalt a year for patching and repair purposes and that all supplies must be maintained at a 175-degree to 180-degree temperature.

At least six solar panels

## Reading Workshop Sponsored in Education Dept.

The Department of Reading sponsored a workshop in "Teacher made Materials — Reading and Language Arts" on December 14 in the Teacher Center.

Participants included students enrolled in three Education courses.

The objective of the workshop was "to provide construction techniques for teacher made materials in reading and language arts. Participants displayed materials and constructed teacher made materials for grades K-8.



LIBRARY PROJECT — Some members of the Sociology and Social Work Classes and teachers pose with Librarian Frank Francis during presentation of library materials.

Sociology and Social Work —

## Dept. Builds Library Resources

The students of sociology, social work, and related areas will find library research a joy, for the Department and the Library are working together to build the collection by standards as set forth by the Council on Social Work Education. To date, \$13,500 have been allocated through Title XX, for the purchase of library materials. Basic references, core backsets of journals on microfilm and hard copy, as well as several subscriptions to major publications have been acquisitioned.

## Aliens Need to Report Address

If you are an alien, January is the month to report your address. That report must be made every January, regardless of whether or not you have changed your address since your last report.

Forms with which to make the report are available at any United States Post Office during the month of January and at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service after January 31st.

## Century Two Book Review Held

Another Century Two Book Review was held on December 12 in the President's Campus Residence.

The book — "Mental Retardation: Social and Educational Perspectives" by Clifford J. Drew, M. Hardman and H. P. Bluhm was reviewed by Dr. David Feldman.

would be installed to collect heat and channel it to a hot water basin where asphalt is stored, Rafferty said. That system alone could reduce the \$5,300 in annual asphalt heating costs by 75 percent, Williams said.

Program guidelines require constant monitoring of the systems, since they are being established for demonstration purposes now, and that maintenance costs be borne by the local government.

Between 1900 and 1972, weather extremes caused agricultural productivity to rise or drop from its normal level in one out of every three years, according to Sperry New Holland.

Students of Dr. Williams and Dr. Haliburton's classes visited the Library recently for a first hand view of resources received to date. According to Dr. Williams, Head of the Department, "an additional \$7,000 is currently available for library acquisitions. The Department is moving toward meeting requirements for

accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education for the Undergraduate Program."

Members of the initial selection committee were Dr. Sarah Williams, Head of the Department; Mr. Bobby Haliburton, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Ms. Alma Dawson, Serials Librarian.

Alma Dawson

## Edwards Heads Accreditation Visit

Dr. Charles T. Edwards, Jr., Assistant Dean in The College of Industrial Education and Technology has just returned from an on-site visit to Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. Dr. Edwards served as the chairman of a three man team to visit the University on November 25-30, 1979. One team member was from Boeing Aircraft Company and the other member was from University Wisconsin at Stout.

The department of Technology at WWU is in the process of seeking accreditation with the National Association of Industrial Technology. Their self-study had been made and the visitation team had been requested to make the visit so



Edwards

that final recommendations could be made.

Edwards is responsible for program accreditation in Region 6 which includes California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii.

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## Prairie View Parish Receives New Pastor



Father Fallon

The recent assignment of Father Francis H. Fallon, Jr., S.S.J., marks the second time he has served in the Newman apostolate on the same secular campus.

Last November 7, Father Fallon was appointed pastor, St. Martin de Porres parish and Newman Club chaplain at Prairie View A&M University

here. Previously he served three years as Newman chaplain at the predominantly black, state-supported institution while serving as pastor of Immaculate Conception parish, Bryan, with a mission at Old Washington, Texas.

His previous assignments include: assistant, Our Lady of Fatima, Birmingham, Alabama; and St. Cyprian's, Washington; pastor, Immaculate Conception, Scottlandville, Louisiana, and Newman Club chaplain at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Houston; Holy Spirit, Marshall and Newman Club chaplain at Wiley College, Marshall; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings, Louisiana.

He attended Boston College. He pursued his studies to the priesthood at Epiphany Apostolic College, Newburgh, New York, and St. Joseph Seminary, Washington, D.C.

## Leadership Qualities

By Lanardo Simpson

A leader is a concerned tactician who usually possesses five distinct qualities which are: patience, loyalty, humility, self-discipline, and understanding. These qualities play major roles in the life of a leader.

You may be wondering why patience, loyalty, humility, self-discipline, and understanding rank very high in a leader's life. Well! wonder no more, let's say we leave wonder city — and come go with me to the promised land of information.

Now that we're here tell me: can a leader persuade his followship there's great success awaiting at the end — if he himself is not patient enough to wait enduringly, and continue on with his work? How is it that he can keep the camp spirit high if he's not loyal to the massive drive?

Is it possible for him to sustain a progressive relation-

ship with the people without a tank supply of humility? And how can the drive be driven with flavor if self-discipline isn't his intense behavior.

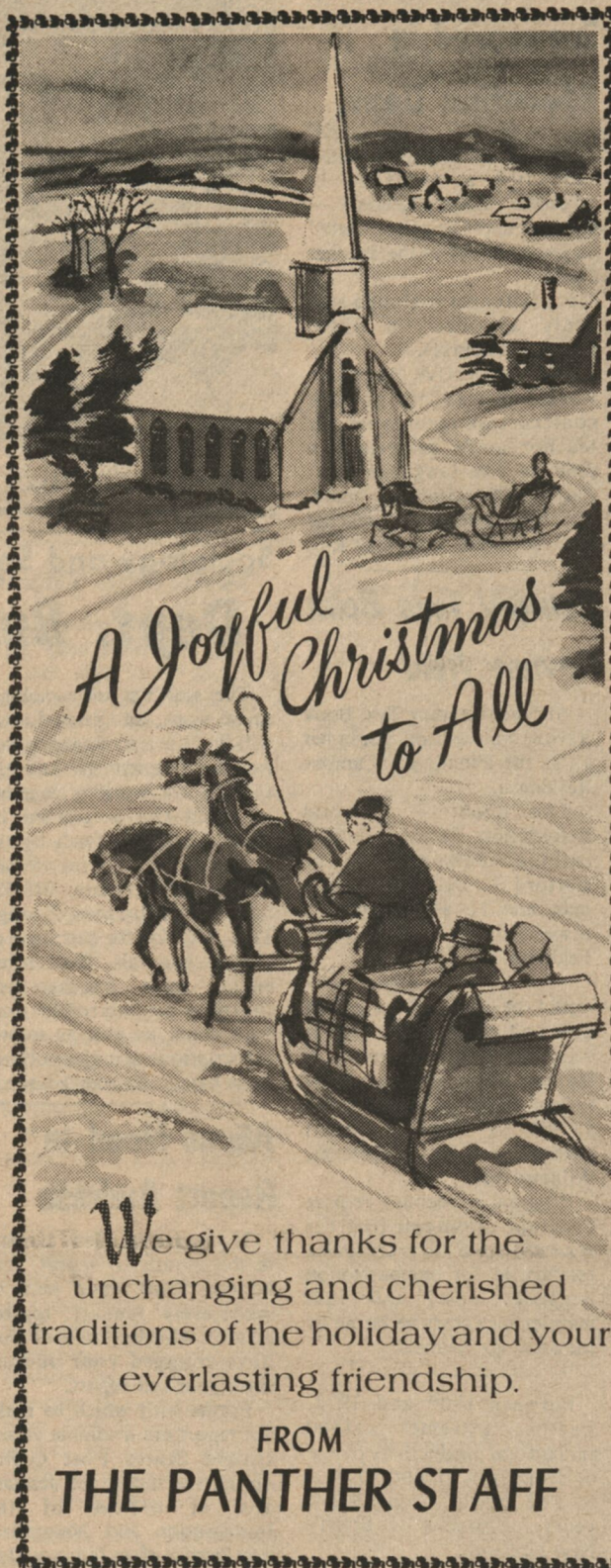
Understanding what I just said, and you just read is sure understanding, which is another responsibility of the leader. Now ask yourself 20 times, Am I a leader? Never so no.

### Baptists —

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is quite pleased with the choir program this far.

The Baptist Student Union choir will be open for membership after the Christmas Holidays and welcomes all who want to join. The BSM choir is open to all denominations, it is not just for Baptists.

President Janice Stinson is a stone believer that all will go well at the retreat.



## Walker Family Says Thanks

In behalf of the Arie Muse Walker family and son, Sgt. David R. Walker of Prairie View, Texas, would like to acknowledge our grateful appreciation for the prayers, cards, letters, contributions and phone calls during the time my son was held hostage in Iran and after he was released.

I am sure everyone prayer's were answered for the return of my son.

I also would like to wish everyone during this yule season a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,  
Arie Muse Walker  
Rt. 1, Box 342-J  
35505 PV-Waller Rd.  
Hempstead, Texas 77445

## Engage Mind Before Operating Mouth

When the Iranians first took over our embassy in Iran and were holding hostages (including a Prairie View native) there were cries of "go and take our people, their country and their oil!"

Then suddenly there was rumor of a draft, then all around campus you heard "I ain't going," or "I'm not fightin' nobody." What caused this sudden change of heart in our young men? Who knows!!!

Oh yes! Some of our young ladies were also saying "why don't we just go take our people back?" But when they heard that the armed forces

were thinking about drafting women they hushed up plenty quick.

This would lead a person to think no one on campus had the gall to fight to defend their own country. But I don't think that's the case at all. I believe that we have some of the bravest people in the world right here at P.V. It's just that they sometimes don't think before they speak. This is a problem that has become all too common with black people, so before you open your mouth next time to say anything make sure you know what you are saying because the life you might extend could be your own.

## Kollar Korner

### The True Spirit of Celebrating Christmas

By  
Reverend  
Thomas  
Johnson



For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Season's greeting to the Prairie View A&M family and our many friends. We are facing one of the greatest holidays of the year, Christmas. During this yule tide season, again there will be crowded highways, shopping centers, restaurants, amusements places, ball parks, liquor stores and many other places filled with people celebrating this great holiday with different types of festivities.

In celebrating this great holiday, we call the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may I remind you, its not so much the places where we celebrate, but the spirit in which we celebrate. Many will celebrate this holiday in the spirits of alcohol, greed, jealous, hate, lust, selfishness and others. This is why there are more traffic accidents,

killings, robberies, rapes, and other tragedies and misfortunes during the Christmas season than any other time of the year.

When then is the true spirit in celebrating Christmas? Our text, which is the greatest verse in the Bible, John 3:16, give us the correct answer.

So the true spirit of celebrating Christmas is reaching out in God's love helping and giving to that lost girl, boy, woman or man in their needs, whether its natural or spiritual. During this yule tide season, let us not forget the needs of our neighbor, the starving people in Cambodia, our hostages in Iran and others in our own back yard.

May God bless each of you with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours for Christian Fellowship  
Rev. Thomas Johnson

## The Art of Living

As Christmas approaches: I am always mindful of how truly blessed we are and how Prairie View has grown and prospered, because of the efforts of dedicated faculty and students! I can think of no more appropriate time to thank God for his wonderful blessings.



By Nikki Torian

There's so much in the world

To be thankful for  
That it's hard to know  
where to start

In expressing the thoughts  
so warmly held  
In the depth of  
a grateful heart . . .

There's the beauty of life  
to be thankful for  
The glory of Spring-budding trees  
Rainbows and sunsets  
mountains and stars  
In a world filled with treasure  
like these . . .

There are blessings in life  
to be thankful for  
That come to us all unawares  
and gives us the strength  
And conviction we need  
From just knowing  
that somebody cares . . .

There are people in life  
to be thankful for  
And of blessings —  
the large and the small.  
Our families, our friends  
And the people we love  
Are the most cherished  
Blessings of all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the various clubs and organizations for participating in the coronation. Thanks are also extended to the many persons who were responsible for its success, and to the student body and faculty for their attendance.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May God bless you and keep you.

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## PV Staffer Files for Waller School Board

Mrs. Ruby Bell, associate director of the Community Affairs and Rural Development Center at PVA&M has announced her candidacy for Position 4 on the School Board of the Waller Independent School District.

Election date is Saturday, January 19, 1980, at Waller High School.

In her university position, Ms. Bell coordinates adult training for ten school districts including Waller, Brookshire, and also for the Hempstead community. She holds the bachelor and master's degrees from Prairie View and has taken additional study at Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

For more than a decade Mrs. Bell has resided in Prairie View and been actively involved in local, county, state and national organizations. She is serving as Waller School's P.T.A. President, the president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a public service



**Mrs. Ruby Bell**

organization, and treasurer of the Texas Association of Vocational Education and Special Needs Persons. She is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a national educational fraternity, Waller Booster Club, and the State and National Associations for Continuing Adult Education.

## Kappa Alpha Omega News

The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Omega Fraternity would like to congratulate Bro. Norman Bryant on his completion of Air Assault School. Mr. Bryant attended the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault School, located in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Air Assault School is one of the many schools that the U.S. Army offer. Air Assault prepares the students to attack from the air. During the seven day period, the students in Air Assault School received classes on the familiarization of helicopters used on the 101st Airborne (Assault) Division, combat assault and various other fields of military instructions. Mr. Bryant said that the activity that he enjoyed the most was the reappalling. Again we would like to extend our congratulations to Bro. Bryant and leave you with these words of wisdom — Reach For The Sky.

Bro. Michael Love  
(Spartacus)

## Zeta News

Greetings from the sorors of the Omega Gamma Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. The sorors would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to the student body, faculty, and other's who aided greatly in our successful fund raising activity.

The drawing was held on Wednesday, November 28, 1979 at 6:30 p.m. The winner of the \$50.00 cash prize goes to G. McClain of Houston. The proceeds of the raffle will go toward supplies needed for the service projects.

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to Sorors Larualyn Beverly, Shirley Lewis, and Deborah Norman.

As the semester near the end, and the Christmas Holidays approach us, the sorors would like to express their holiday greetings to all from Pantherland and abroad. Merry Christmas and a

## An Alpha in The Spotlight

The Brothers of Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated are always on the move. Constantly, vying for honors and awards, striding toward higher levels, serving mankind, and progressing forward positively as we place academics on the top of our priority lists of personal endeavors. One brother of Eta Gamma who exemplifies the high qualities and distinguished characteristics of Alpha Phi Alpha is Brother Elliott McWright Kerl.

Brother Kerl, a fifth year architectural student, is a native Houstonian and graduated with highest honors from Booker T. Washington Jr.-Sr. High School. At Prairie View A&M University, scholarship has remained an integral part of his college life. Elliott has been on the President's Honor Roll for six semesters, is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, is listed in Outstanding Young Men of America 1978-79, and has been listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities for the third consecutive year. He has received the Henry Arthur Callis Award for Highest Accumulative G.P.A. on the state level of the fraternity and was presented the Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation Scholastic Achievement Award this summer in Washington D.C. at the 73rd National Anniversary Convention.

### "Goodies from Skyward?"

When some of us think of the good, it isn't unusual for most of us to look upward. There is just that third sense that make us feel that when something comes from above, that it ought to be good. But truthfully, one can never be certain.

There's a story about a man who saw something fall from the sky one day. And because it was frozen, he thought that he had made an excellent find.

The fellow took the object wrapped it and placed it in his refrigerator. And, when it began to dissolve, the man discovered that what had really fallen from the sky was a frozen toilet from a commercial aircraft.

M. A. Castille

Along with being Parliamentarian of the Student Senate, President of the Senior Class, a member of the Junior Fellow's Association, member of the local chapter of the Association of Student Chapters of the American Institute of Architects (ASCA/AIA), an associate member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, Elliott is President of Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Brother Kerl's fraternal involvement has been far from minute. He has served on a number of state and national committees and was the Vice-President of the Texas State Association of Alpha Chapters from 1977 to '78. During the course of the academic school year of 1978-79, the Honors of Outstanding College Brother of Eta Gamma Chapter, of the State of Texas, and of the Southwestern Region of Alpha were bestowed upon him. However, he considers the greatest fraternal honor as, being asked at the National Convention in Washington D.C. to second the nomination of Brother Ozell Sutton, the Southeastern Regional Director of the Community Relation Service of the United States department of Justice, for General President of the fraternity, by Atlanta's Mayor, Maynard Jackson.

In the field of Architecture in which Brother Kerl's educational interests exist, are positive movements toward higher plateaus. He has received a number of Architectural Design Awards while at Prairie View however, very rewarding, also were the summers of 1978 and 1979 in which Elliott completed architectural internships with Louis Fontenot Associates, a structural, civil, and architectural engineering firm in Houston.

As a result of attending, along with other Prairie View representatives, the National



**Elliott Kerl**

ASC/AIA Convention in Houston during the Thanksgiving Holiday Recess, Brother Kerl was nominated and elected Associate Regional Director of the Texas Region. The Texas Region includes nine (9) architectural schools around the state and approximately 3,400 students. On June 1, 1980 he will assume the position by succession of Texas Regional Director and has an approved operating budget in excess of \$10,000, director input into one of the national ACS/AIA budgets of \$18,000 and a personal budget for traveling expenditures.

Two important positions in which the Texas Regional Director serves is as a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the National Association of Student Chapters of the American Institute of Architects and the Executive Board of Directors of the Texas State Architects Association.

"Bourgeoisie" as called by the members of the frat, has an obsession to continue his education upon completion of his undergraduate studies to acquire a Master's Degree in Architecture/Interior Design and become a Architect/Interior Designer.

We wish Brother Elliott Kerl the best as he continues his upward climb.



**AWARD WINNERS** — Key members of the Pershing Rifles Drill Team pose to show off the first place plaque won by the group in the Annual TSU Homecoming Parade. The PR's are being recognized for their marching skills all across the state.

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Extension on The Move —

## Low Income Farmers Pool Resources



**EXTENSION LEADER** — Ms. Zelda Williams (right) works with district Extension personnel.

## Extension Supervisors Conference Held at PV

Family Resource Development specialists recently met with county and district Extension personnel at Prairie View A&M University to plan Extension educational programs which will be offered to county residents during 1980. The conference, held quarterly, provided an opportunity to exchange dialogue and discussion regarding program coordination, implementation strategies, and evaluation.

Over 1700 low-income families and youth in eight

counties are currently participating in FRDP activities. Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes to everyone who lend support to the home economics thrust of the Prairie View Extension Program.

Education programs conducted by the Prairie View Extension Program serve people of all ages, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

By Zelda R. Williams

By Brenda D. Curry  
Twenty-one low-income farmers in Lamar County pooled efforts and purchased 215 fruit and nut trees that will be planted for home use and for sale of products. These farmers are participants in the Intensified Farm Planning Program which operates in 22 Texas counties under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M.

In past years, farmers had relied on purchasing fruit trees from local lumber companies and discount stores where trees were not of recommended variety and of poor quality. By pooling efforts, farmers were able to receive a 20 percent discount on their fruit trees while securing high quality plants from a certified nursery.

Tree varieties were recommended by Dr. Terry Menges, District Extension horticulturist. A. W. Brown, agricultural program aide in Lamar County, assisted farmers in organizing their efforts in securing the fruit and nut trees. Mr. Brown works under the supervision of Lamar County Extension agent A. L. Ware. Prairie View-based program specialist Alfred Wade provides



**BOOSTERS CLUB** — Participation was good at the traditional Luncheon sponsored by the PV Boosters Club in the Memorial Center Ballroom. Dr. Leroy Moore, Head of the Department of Physical Education is seen above taking to the group.

## Is Free Love Really Carefree?

By Davidson Awonuga

Many couples living together yet unmarried believe they have all rewards of marriage without any of the punishments. Partners in this arrangements are brought to despair when faced with the reality of not having a firm commitment to each other, not enjoy economic stability, and not rearing their children to be well-adjusted human beings.

Individuals in this life-style think nothing of going on their own way when troubles appear. If one of the partners involved should get sick, there is nothing in writing saying the other person must stay in sickness or in health. Should life become boring, there is nothing to stop either of them from looking for an exciting date for either one night or a lifetime. If one of the partners' idiosyncrasies starts to unnerve the other partner, why should the injured partner grin and bear? At least in marriage when problems of money, illness or sex arise, marriage partners try to solve their problems. Married couples have a foundation, a commitment to building upon. Couples living together have no sound basis for trying to eliminate troubles.

The question of economics is also raised when discussion cohabitation. When there are two people purchasing one item, to whom does it belong? Even if they decide to divide all possessions between the two of them, whoever has his name on the sales receipt is declared the owner. There is also the disadvantage of paying income taxes as two single people compared to paying as a married couple. The married couple pays less income tax, even filing separately, then two

training and coordination to the IFPP in Lamar County.

Extension educational programs are conducted for all people regardless of age, socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

single people pay. Another economic consideration, is that when individuals are living together, they are usually not pooling their resources. If they were married and combining their incomes to a mutual account with a set plan of how to spend their money, they would fare much better than two single people with no goals for the future.

When children are brought into the world and the parents are only living together, a new slate of problems is presented. Often one of the partners may not have wanted the child. He may blame the other party for conceiving the child just to tie him down. He, therefore, is resentful towards the other partner and the child as well. Children sense this type of resentment and are emotionally harmed. Society looks down on illegitimate children also.

The love child may often face ridicule and shame when others discover his background. Frequently, there is not the warm family relationship present in a common law marriage that is found in true family ties. Instead of children learning love and trust toward others, they must deal with jealousy and uncertainty. Offspring not brought up in a loving home have trouble adjusting to the adult world.

Although there are no perfect marriages, cohabitation is not the answer to the defects of matrimony. In marriage there are two people deeply committed to caring for and loving each other, financially building for the future of both of them, and thoroughly involved in bringing up their children to be moral, well-respected citizens.

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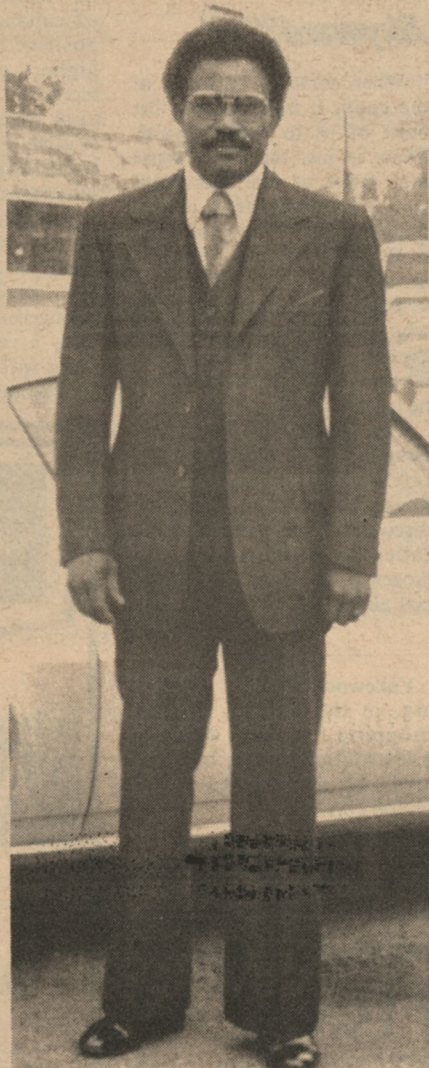
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## Basketball—Men and Women

### 1979-80 MEN'S RESULTS (2-4)

Date	Opponent	Score	H/A	At. W-L	High Scorer- Rebounder
11/29	Huston-Tillotson	100-76	H	4500 1-0	Robinson 27/Reynolds 15
12/1	Jarvis Christian	82-79	A	500 2-0	Hill 23/Spivey 19
12/3	Wiley College	89-109	A	200 2-1	Reggins 24/Spivey 16
12/4	Texas College (2 OT)	109-113	A	150 2-2	Hills 33/Spivey 23
12/7	Okla. Christian Col.	85-101	A	2200 2-3	Reggins 27/Smith 12
12/8	Bethany Nazarene, Ok.	64-86	A	1500 2-4	Reggins 21/Smith 13

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Saturday, December 15	At Southwest Texas State	San Marcos, Tx.
Monday, December 17	TEXAS COLLEGE	PRAIRIE VIEW
Thursday, December 27	In Dallas Baptist Tourney	Sherman, Tx.
Friday, December 28	In Dallas Baptist Tourney	Sherman, Tx.
Saturday, December 29	In Dallas Baptist Tourney	Sherman, Tx.
Monday, January 7	at Southern University	Baton Rouge, La.
Saturday, January 12	at Mississippi Valley	Itta Bena, Miss.
Tuesday, January 15	at Jackson State	Jackson, Miss.
Saturday, January 19	Grambling State Univ.	Prairie View
Monday, January 21	Alcorn State Univ.	Prairie View
Saturday, January 26	Texas Southern Univ.	Prairie View
Wednesday, January 30	at Paul Quinn College	Waco, Tx.

### 1979-80 WOMEN'S RESULTS (4-2)

Date	Opponent	Score	H/A	ATT W-L	High Scorer- Rebounder
11/16	San Jacinto	73-54	H	750 1-0	Gray 21/Gray 16
11/29	Huston-Tillotson	59-54	H	1250 2-0	Garnett 13/Lee 14
12/4	East Texas Baptist	59-63	A	400 2-1	Gray 21/Gray 12
12/5	Wiley	51-72	A	250 2-2	Gray 19/Gray 10
12/6	Paul Quinn	65-48	H	250 3-2	Garnett 15/Gray 12
12/8	Texas College	57-25	A	100 4-2	Brown 15/Lee 7

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Wednesday, Dec. 12	at San Jacinto	Houston
Monday, Dec. 17	Texas College	Prairie View
Friday, Dec. 21	at Bishop College	Dallas
Monday, Jan. 7	at Southern	Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, Jan. 11	Bishop College	Prairie View
Saturday, Jan. 12	Texas Lutheran	Prairie View
Friday, Jan. 18	at Fort Hood	Killeen, Tx.
Saturday, Jan. 19	Grambling	Prairie View
Monday, Jan. 21	Ft. Hood	Prairie View
Saturday, Jan. 26	Texas Southern	Prairie View
Monday, Jan. 28	at Texas Lutheran	Seguin, Tx.
Wednesday, Jan. 30	at Paul Quinn	Waco, Tx.

### PV Results —

## Houston Baptist Winter Relays

### WOMEN — HOUSTON BAPTIST WINTER RELAYS

100 METERS — 1st, Patrice Roberts, 12.35; 2. Debra Edwards, 12.4; 3rd, Jackie Below, 12.9; 4. Gerna Williams, 13.0; 5th, Annette Sneed, 13.0.

400 METERS — 1. Loretta Edwards, 57.9; 3. Pam Fowler, 58.1; 4. Kelsie Giles, 59.0.

1500 METERS — 1st, Essie Kelley, 4:40; 6th, Jackie Smith, 5:16

800 METERS — 1st, Tina Brown, 2:22.0; 2. Debra Edwards, 25.4

200 METERS — 1. Patrice Roberts, 25.3; 2. Debra Edwards, 25.4.

### MEN

TWO-MILE RELAY — 2nd, 7:54.2 (Jody Cleveland, Terrance Ross, Donald Daniels, Tony Curry)

400 METERS — 1st, Joe Johnson, 47.2; 2nd, Clifton Terrell, 47.7

SPRING MEDLEY RELAY — 3rd, 3:41.2 (Derrick King, Bernard White, Calvin Butler, Mel Trahan)

DISCUS — 3rd, James Hicks, 143-9.

SHOT PUT — 3rd, Phillip Sampy, 48-2

1500 METERS — 3rd, Ray Roberts, 4:04.9

400 METER HURDLES — 2nd, Thaddeus Gamble, 53.98

300 METER RELAY — 1st, 1:26.0 (Ted Davis, Kerry Houston, Darryl White, Derrick King)

MILE RELAY — 1st, 3:12.0 (Lester Coleman, Clifton Terrell, Ted Davis, Joe Johnson)



**GOOD FORM — PV forward Anthony Robinson takes an impressive shot above during recent game with Huston-Tillotson.**

## Track

The Prairie View women's track team dominated the Houston Baptist Winter Relays while Joe Johnson, Theodore Davis and Derrick King were double first-place winners for the Panthers.

Patrice Roberts, Loretta Edwards, Essie Kelley, and Tina Brown won first place in the five open running events for women.

Roberts, a junior from Orange, Texas, won the 100 meters in 12.35 and the 200 meters in 25.3.

Edwards, a sophomore from Houston Washington, won the 400 meters in 57.9.

Kelley, a senior from Spur, Texas, won the 1500 meters in 4:40.

Brown, a freshman from

Elyria, Ohio, won the 800 meters in 2:22.0.

"We showed some improvement and looked a little better than last week (at the Prairie View Winter Relays)," said Ms. Barbara Jacket, women's track coach. "There was overall improvement from the team and I was quite proud of their efforts."

Johnson, a senior from Houston Madison won the 400 meters in 47.2 and ran the anchor leg on the winning mile relay team.

Davis, a sophomore from Houston Williams, ran legs on the winning 800 meter and mile relay teams and King, a junior from Dallas Carter ran legs on the sprint medley relay and 800 meter relay teams.

## Women's Basketball

The Pantherettes battled 2-2 during the past week to up their record to 4-2 with four games left before the Christmas holidays.

"We played well together, smooth like a team," said coach Jesse Hurst. "We'll be a very good basketball team if we can keep that consistency up the rest of the season."

Mary Gray continue to pace the Pantherettes and is leading the team in scoring and rebounding with 17.2 points over game and 8.2 rebounds per outing.

Gray is a 6-0 senior from New Orleans.

Coach Hurst has also gotten some welcome consistent play from Sandra Ganett, a 5-3 freshman from Snook, Texas. She is the second leading scorer with 10.5 per game. Her .453 shooting percentage is the tops among regulars.



**Sandra Garrett**

The Pantherettes play at San Jacinto Wednesday, host Texas College Monday, December 17 and play at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, December 21 before taking a break for the holidays.

## Men's Basketball

The Panthers got a jump on the rest of the Southwestern Athletic Conference teams with a league-opening test in San Marcos Saturday against Southwest Texas State.

The Southwest Texas State game was designated as a fill-in conference game due to a scheduling quirk that has the Panthers playing Grambling only once this season. Conference officials, in a meeting in Vicksburg, Mississippi, last weekend, designated the Southwest Texas game as the fill-in conference.

The Panthers are in the midst of a four-game losing skein, with all four losses on the road, the last two in the Oklahoma Christian College Classic to highly regarded Oklahoma Christian College, 101-85 and Bethany Nazarene, 86-64.

"We played poorly the first

half of both ball games and really haven't played with a lot of consistency the last four. But it's no reason to push the panic button," said Calvin White basketball coach.

"That just means we'll have to work that much harder on the things we have been doing and hope that the adjustment will come quickly," he continued.

The Panthers next home game is Monday, December 17 against Texas College. After that it's on the road again in the Dallas Baptist Tournament, December 27-28-29, at Southern, January 7, at Mississippi Valley, January 12 at Jackson State January 15, then a home date against Grambling January 19.

"We are still in that adjustment period and I just hope it comes before we get deep into the conference schedule," White said.



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## Health Lecture Series Features Army Personnel

The Army ROTC Department, the Biology Department and the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society sponsored on November 29 a Health Profession Lecture Series' program entitled "Federal Service: Opportunities for Scholarship, Education and Careers." The program was held in the auditorium of the Harrington Science Building.

The guest speakers were Colonel George Hansen, the Chief of Officers Procurement for the United States Army Medical Department, and Captain George Collins, Personnel Counselor for the Army Medical Procurement Field Office in Dallas. Colonel Hansen, a pediatrician, is the Surgeon General's principal officer responsible for recruiting doctors, veterinarians and other medical personnel for the Department of the Army.

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November 26 — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F) Early Registration —  
through Spring Semester

December 22 — 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (S) FINAL EXAMINATIONS

December 15 — Per Final Examinations Schedule

through December 20

December 22 — 5:00 p.m.

December 24 — 7:30 a.m.

to January 11 — 7:30 a.m.

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NOTE: Nine-month Employees and Twelve-month Employees will observe the Christmas Holidays as follows: December 24 (7:30 a.m.) through January 4 (5:00 p.m.), inclusive.

## SPRING SEMESTER — (January 1980)

January 7 — 7:30 a.m. Spring Semester Opens

January 7 — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mid-Year Faculty Renewal  
through January 9 Conference

January 10 — 7:30 a.m. Residence Halls  
and Dining Hall Open

January 10 — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F) Application for May, 1980 (May 4th)  
through Graduation

February 4 — 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 (S) LAST DAY TO APPLY

January 10 — 7:30 a.m. Orientation for New Students

January 11 — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F) Regular Registration

January 15 — 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (S) Classes Begin —

January 16 — 7:30 a.m. Late Registration Begins

January 28 — 5:00 p.m. REGISTRATION CLOSES

January 31 — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 12th Class Day — Last Day  
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April 3-7 EASTER HOLIDAYS

May 4 — 10:30 a.m. SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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